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A.—(*a*) 205.
(*b*) 27.
(*c*) Higher elementary 7—Lower elementary 20.
(*d*) No.
(*e*) Does not arise

Kanarese as the medium of instruction in Kanarese-speaking areas other than South Kanara and Bellary.

* 1463 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Kanarese is used as the medium of instruction in the schools of any districts or portions thereof other than South Kanara and Bellary in this Presidency; and

(*b*) which is the vernacular taught in schools in the Kanarese-speaking parts of the districts of Coimbatore and Nilgiris?

A.—(*a*) Yes; in the elementary schools in the Kollegal taluk and Talavadi firka of Gobichettipalaiyam taluk and in the Board High School, Kollegal, Coimbatore district. Kanarese is taught as the second vernacular in the Rao Sahib H. J. Belli Gowder's Higher Elementary School, Hoobathalai, Aravankadu, in the Nilgiris district.
(*b*) Kanarese.

Admission of depressed classes pupils in schools.

* 1464 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any schools managed out of public funds, and located on sites where members of the depressed classes are not admitted, and if so, the number of such schools;

(*b*) whether any cases of local board or aided schools refusing admission to pupils of the depressed classes have been brought to the notice of the Government; and

(*c*) whether in any of the local board or aided schools depressed class pupils who are given admission are made to sit separately in the class room, and if so, whether the Government are doing anything to discourage such a practice?

A.—(*a*) Yes. During 1928–29, 1,875 schools managed out of public funds were located on sites inaccessible to pupils of the depressed classes.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) No authenticated cases of this kind have been reported to Government.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"With reference to the answer to clause (*b*), may I know, Sir, what action the Government have taken in regard to those local board or aided schools which have refused admission to pupils of the depressed classes?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"The Government have given a warning and if they persist, their grant will be stopped."

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Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" With reference to clause (c), may I know whether any cases have been reported to Government and whether they have made any enquiries into the matter ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" We have made some. As far as I have seen, it is said that in all the schools now the custom is to have these pupils sit along with the other pupils."

Local Boards

Construction of bridges over the Pennar and the Gadilam.

* 1465 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the amounts sanctioned respectively for the construction of bridges over the Pennar between Villupuram and Ulundurpet, and over the Gadilam on the road to Salem from Panruti and when the works were commenced ;

(b) how far the said works have progressed, what portion of the amount has been spent and when the bridges will be ready for public traffic ; and

(c) whether the Government will take steps to expedite the work so as to remove the inconvenience and hardship to which the public is subjected, at an early date ?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member apparently refers to the causeway across the Pennar river at mile 104–105 and the bridge over the Gadilam at mile 113–114 of the Great Southern Trunk Road. The appended statement[a] gives the statistical information required. The entire cost of both the works is met from Provincial funds. The President expects to complete the bridge before March 1930.

(c) The necessary instructions have issued.

Expenditure on village roads in South Arcot district.

* 1466 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state the total amount spent by the local boards in South Arcot district, for the formation of new village roads each year since 1924–25 and what portion of the amount was met by Government subsidies ?

A.—Information as to the total amount spent on new village roads since 1924–25 is not available. The grants drawn since 1925–26 are given below :—

	RS.
1925–26	19,693
1926–27	6,521
1927–28	24,448
1928–29	39,019

The actual expenditure may roughly be taken as double the above.

[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 144 infra.